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Dear Sirs:

Are you out of your collective minds? I know you have to officially respond to the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) petitition about the selling and consumption of raw shellfish, but I hope that you will send these quacks back inside the beltway where they belong. The eating of any food is a persons unalienable right. It is up to the individual to know their health history and if something may make them ill. Steps have been taken in this country to improve shellfish sanitation. The shellfish is tagged with sufficient warnings as do the restaurants have warnings on their menus. If a person wants to engage in a dangerous activity be it sky diving or eating raw food - that is their option - and the government shouldn't be big brother. I hope you will place the CSPI petition in the round file where it belongs. Thank you.

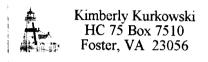
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